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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the texts of the documents which were adopted by the Committee of Senior Officials (in the framework of the CSCE mechanism) in connection with the situation in Yugoslavia during its emergency session in Prague on 3-4 July 1991 (see annexes).

I would be most grateful if you could kindly have the texts of this letter and its annexes distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Urgent appeal for a cease-fire

Recalling the statement on the situation in Yugoslavia issued by the Council of Ministers in Berlin on 19 June 1991, the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) makes an urgent appeal that any recourse to the use of force in the present crisis in Yugoslavia continues to be absolutely inadmissible.

The CSO also reiterates the appeal issued at the end of the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the CPC on 1 July 1991 stressing the importance of an immediate and complete cessation of hostilities by all parties involved. A prompt implementation of the commitments undertaken by all concerned Yugoslav parties remains mandatory.

Annex II

Mission to Yugoslavia

The Committee of Senior Officials,

Recalled the Statement of the Council of Ministers of the CSCE in Berlin in which they expressed their friendly concern and their support for democratic development and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia, full application of human rights in all parts of Yugoslavia, including the rights of minorities, and the peaceful solution of the current crisis in the country, as well as their emphasis that it is only for the peoples of Yugoslavia themselves to decide on the country's future,

Noted the strong interest of the CSCE participating States to make a concrete contribution to the resolution of the present Yugoslav crisis,

Welcomed the restoration of the constitutional order by the appointment of a President and Vice-President at the head of the collegiate presidency,

Urged the full implementation by all Yugoslav parties of the other two elements of the agreement recently reached between them with the contribution of the European Community, namely:

- the acceptance of a cease-fire, accompanied by the return of all armed forces to their previous positions,

- the suspension of the implementation of the declarations of independence for a period of three months.

Welcomed the readiness expressed by the EC - member States, building on their initiatives, to organize a mission to help stabilize a cease-fire and to monitor the implementation of the above-mentioned elements of the agreement. This will be done at the invitation of the Yugoslav authorities and in full cooperation with them,

Welcomed also the interest of other CSCE participating States to take part in the mission on the basis of the arrangements between the European Community and Yugoslav authorities, requested the mission to inform the Committee on the progress of its work at the earliest opportunity.

Annex III

Mission to Yugoslavia

The Committee of Senior Officials,

Deeply concerned about the difficult situation in Yugoslavia,

Recalling the Statement on Yugoslavia adopted by the Council of Ministers of the CSCE in Berlin on 19 June 1991,

Eager to help Yugoslavia in overcoming the difficult situation, in the restoration of peace and stability without any delay,

Offered to make available, upon the invitation of Yugoslavia, a mission of good offices to facilitate the political dialogue among the parties concerned.

The good offices mission, if and when accepted by Yugoslavia, and established, could enter, in compliance with these conditions and aims, into contact with the parties concerned in order to determine how it can be of help and, if useful, put recommendations to be considered by all Yugoslav authorities.

This mission will be at the disposal of the Yugoslav authorities as long as they deem it necessary.

The composition and modalities for the operation of the mission will be established by the Chairman of the CSO in consultations with the Yugoslav authorities. The CSCE participating States may put forward through the Chairman proposals in this regard. The Chairman of the CSO will inform all participating States of subsequent developments.